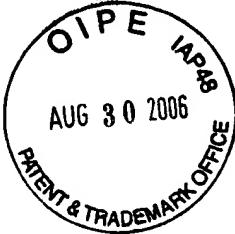




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For: **Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for Identifying Same**
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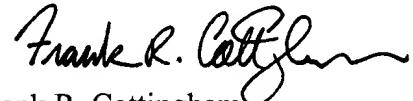
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